

SUMPTER WATER WORKS.

Good Progress Being Made on This Great Enterprise.

Saturday a MINER representative resolved himself into a committee of one and went out to inspect the condition of the new ditch from the reservoir to its source, a distance of three miles. To reach his destination he began at the ending and went to the beginning, by walking up the ditch grade, following around the mountain at an easy incline to the head, where the cool, limpid waters of Wind creek will be tapped and a dam constructed.

From there the water will be conveyed through a foot square flume, to be boxed in to prevent freezing and to exclude all foreign substances getting into the water. About half way the line crosses a deep ravine several hundred yards across, with a dip of forty degrees on each side. This, of course, will necessitate a metal piping. The work has been done on a very fine surveying and excavating plan, there being just incline enough to carry the full volume of water, which, it is said, will be in the neighborhood of fifty inches.

From the creek the grading is all finished for half a mile, where some blasting was being done on a bluff, which is with a few exceptions the only obstacles encountered along the whole route. James Cornfield, with his force of fifteen men, have so far done a good piece of work, and seems to have expedited the same.

After getting a place along the rock for the flume, the men will continue on down to the reservoir, finishing the ditching for the flume, the plank for which is now being distributed along the line down this way.

The reservoir, under the formanship of William Stinson, is being gotten into shape, and a heavy bulkhead is being constructed of large logs, from bedrock to rim, on the lower end of the basin, which will withstand great pressure and last for all time.

Several carloads of wrought iron pipe for the mains have arrived.

Two Locations Near the Reservoir.

C. F. Booth, formerly general manager of the Washoe mine, owned by the Anacanda Mining company, and for a number of years closely associated with Marcus Daly, and who recently took a flier in Sumpter real estate, has, together with E. A. Smith, of this city, located a quartz property just beyond the reservoir site, within a mile and a quarter of the Sumpter postoffice. The surface showings are excellent. The two claims are the Turnagain and Ragamuffin. No development work will be attempted upon these urban mines until next spring.

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Col. S. W. Ray, of Port Arthur, Canada, recently arrived in Sumpter and has been devoting his entire time during the pleasant weather to inspecting and otherwise acquainting himself with the mines and their possibilities about the district, though his representatives have been here in advance of himself all summer. He expects to remain several weeks. He never does things by halves or in a small way when operating in mining matters.



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